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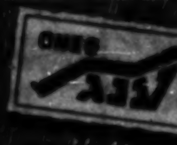

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Marginal Column
By "COMMENTATOR"

"CALLING the youth of the world." This evening two million German youth and a few thousand guests from eighty countries will take part in the solemn opening of the third youth peace festival organised and sponsored by the Communists in the Walter Ulbricht stadium in Eastern Berlin. There will be torch-light processions and goose-step and frenzied cries of "Ami go home" "Deutsch ist die Saar!" "We want Heligoland" and of course "Peace" "Paix" "Mir" "Frieden"!

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IT is August 1936 all over again. "Wir rufen die Jugend der Welt — Olympic Games in Berlin!" The biggest peace demonstration ever!" Adolf Hitler was there and Hermann Goering and the Reichs youth leader, Baldur von Schirach.

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THE guests from abroad will be received by the Prime Minister of the Eastern German republic and his colleague the Minister for Foreign Affairs, both old and staunch fighters for peace. Otto Grotewohl made a very comfortable living in the Third Reich by painting and selling pictures of his Fuehrer, while his colleague Goerg Dertinger was "the editor-in-chief of the "Stahlhelm."

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ONE could prepare an unending list of former Hitler Youth leaders, officers of the Wehrmacht and other ex(?)-Nazis now in charge of the education of Communist German youth and this grandiose mass demonstration for peace: Bechler, Honecker, Niekisch, Uhse et al. But it isn't necessary: all of them are now upstanding progressive people, in favour of German disarmament (in the West only; the East already has its army.) They are against Western plutocracy and cosmopolitism. We used to hear this in Berlin fifteen years ago, but the voice was Josef Goebbels'.

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WE welcome all guests to the festival, said Enrice Berlinguer, the secretary of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, excepting of course children from Yugoslavia. In Belgrade it seems, the babies are born fascist. The Federation also sent a protest to the Israeli Government, which had dared to prevent a progressive youth delegation from Israel from fraternizing with their German co-fighters for peace. It was a wicked, reactionary, scandalous decision. Six million Jews killed? This argument is only used by warmongers. The cause of peace, personified by Otto Grotewohl, Goerg Dertinger and their youth leaders is more important.

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IT is a disquieting feature of 20th century politics that the attacking side is almost invariably the most vociferous in demanding peace. Perhaps there is not much harm in shouting, even if it is done by two million people. "A peace treaty with Germany in 1951" this is the festival's main slogan. When the present leaders of the "Free German youth" were small boys in the Hitlerjugend, 15 years ago, they used to sing a popular song from a movie called "Hitlerjunge Quex": We'll march and march, even if the world breaks in pieces." Today they are marching again and, if given the necessary tools, they'll make a shambles again.

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BUT they will have the invaluable moral support of some of the more progressive Israel youth, who complain that they have not been allowed to travel to Berlin.

British Mission In Teheran

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Richard Stokes, Lord Privy Seal and Minister for Raw Materials, arrived here today at the head of a British delegation to resume the oil talks. After a two-and-a-half hour Cabinet session tonight, the Finance Minister, Mr. Varasteh, was appointed to head the Persian delegation which will be composed of members of the Oil Commission and Cabinet Ministers.

Chances of success of the mission appear to depend mainly on the degree of sincerity of the expression of goodwill contained in the notes passed between the two countries. The British insisted that all these notes be published, and it was agreed to release them both in Teheran and in London yesterday. But the Persians asked the British here at the last moment not to release the texts until today. They have still not been released.

The Persian Foreign Office earlier issued the broad outlines of the notes, but did not reveal if they were willing to discuss the methods of implementing the nationalization law and did not say that Britain has accepted the principle of nationalization.

Mossadeq Adamant

Dr. Mossadeq told a crowded Senate today: "I will resign rather than sign any agreement with the British that is not to Persia's advantage." Senators crowded into the Chamber to hear Dr. Mossadeq explain the steps that had led to yesterday's decision to receive the British mission.

Dr. Mossadeq said: "We will not take any steps which will damage Persia."

Hussein Makki, head of the Persian oil "takeover" mission in Abadan is returning to Teheran on Monday for "medical reasons," it was reported here last night.

Observers here speculated on whether his return might be connected with British demands to Persia that the "existing state of tension" be relaxed during the coming oil talks with the British mission.

Flowers And Fruit for Oil

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Richard Stokes, Lord Privy Seal, took two large baskets of fruits and flowers with him on his mission to Teheran to present to the Shah of Persia, it was disclosed here today.

CONGRESS TO DECIDE AGENDA

The final formulation of proposals on the six major problems on the agenda of the Zionist Congress will be left to the Congress itself, it was learned following the fourth plenary session of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem on Friday.

The problems, as reported by Mr. Eliahu Dobkin for the Programme Committee, are:

Adoption of the Jerusalem Programme to replace that of Basle;

The legal status of the Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency in Israel;

Adoption of a 14-point programme on the tasks of the Zionist Organization;

The composition of the Jewish Agency, the Zionist General Council, and the World Zionist Congress;

The unification of the National Funds; and

The structure of the Zionist organisations in the Diaspora.

The Jerusalem Programme was extensively discussed at the meeting.

Mr. D. Baharal, Deputy-Treasurer, and Mr. Gottlieb Hammer, Director of the Jewish Agency Section in New York, reported on the Agency's financial status, and Mr. L. Eshkol, Treasurer, answered questions on the report.

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37 Marauders Caught in a Week

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—During the eight days ending yesterday morning, Army patrols intercepted 37 marauders in various parts of the country. Of these three were killed and three were wounded in clashes. The others were taken prisoner.

U.S. to Offset Oil Losses

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Nineteen U.S. oil companies operating abroad agreed yesterday to offset the loss of oil in Persia by increasing the production of crude oil and refined oil products in other countries.

This co-operative action would increase crude oil production in 11 countries and increase refinery operations in 27.

The plan would increase the rate of production of crude oil in fields in Dahrein Island, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Latar Kuweit, New Guinea, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Increased output of refined petroleum products would take place at refineries in Dahrein Island, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Kuweit, the Netherlands, Norway, West Indies, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Trieste Zone, Britain and several other countries in America, Asia and Australia.

Yesterday's statement said the almost complete closing of the Abadan refinery had meant the loss of up to 7 million barrels of petroleum products. The withdrawal of the British tanker fleet from Abadan had more recently meant the loss successful continuance of its refined petroleum products and 150,000 barrels a day of crude oil.

For the remainder of the year there would be a petroleum loss because of increased demand of more than 700,000 barrels a day.

Truman Satisfied

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Truman today expressed "profound gratification" that Persia and Britain had agreed to resume talks over the Persian oil dispute, and at the roles played by his special Ambassador Mr. Averell Harriman and Mr. Henry Grady, United States Ambassador to Persia.

His statement continued:

"I am most hopeful that this development will lead to a permanent settlement which will be fully satisfactory to both Iran and Great Britain. I wish to congratulate the Governments of the two countries concerned for the step they have taken in returning to the conference table and I wish them every success in the forthcoming negotiations."

Inquiry Criticizes Police Behaviour At Jalameh Camp

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The police treatment of religious zealots in the Jalameh detention camp in June was described as "unlawful, offensive to the detainees and to human decency" in the report of the Parliamentary Inquiry Committee made public here last night.

The report of the seven-man committee investigating the charges of police atrocities against suspects in the alleged plot to bomb the Knesset last May added that "in many cases, the measures were unjust and debasing, and were intolerable in the State of Israel."

The committee, which included representatives of six Knesset parties, held that there was no justification for the police measures, thus in effect dismissing the police claim at the inquiry that they had been necessary in order to suppress resistance.

A Good Group

The committee were divided on the question of whether the police command could be blamed for the situation: the majority of four held that the police guards had appeared to be a good group, and it was not likely that they would act in such a manner without instructions.

They also pointed to the evidence that the camp commandant, Inspector Brownthal had received instructions to maintain strict discipline, and that his superiors had gone on record as approving the measures taken. The Inspector-General, Mr. Y. Sahar, had ordered an inquiry only after a complaint had been lodged in Jerusalem by one of the detainees, the majority pointed out.

Minority Report

Three committee members, however, held that there had been no evidence of orders from above for such measures as forcing the detainees to run around the camp or kicking them. The fact that steps were taken promptly to remedy the situation as soon as they came to light belied the charge that the abuses had been premeditated, they said.

The committee's recommendations were unanimous and were apparently a compromise formula. They were:

The Government must draw suitable conclusions on the need for police regulations to obviate the repetition of incidents such as those which occurred in Jalameh, and should report on them to the Knesset.

The Parliamentary Home Affairs Committee should set up a committee composed of experts, judges, and laymen to instil within a reasonable time a change in the mentality of the

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No Escape

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A member of the party accompanying the Parliamentary Committee on their visit to Jalameh was thrown from a ladder as he climbed to the roof of one of the buildings. The two top rungs had been electrified.

The roof of the building was a possible escape route from the detention camp.

Ridgway Breaks Truce Talks, Charges Breach of Neutral Zone

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — General Matthew Ridgway today broke off the Korean truce talks until the Communists make a "satisfactory explanation" of their "flagrant violation" of the neutrality of Kaesong. The Commander issued this news in a special announcement this morning after a dramatic conference lasting until 3 a.m. local time.

In a message to the Communist commanders, General Ridgway said it had been confirmed that an armed Communist infantry company had been seen in Kaesong yesterday, about 100 yards from the conference house in which U.N. and Communist delegates have been meeting for almost four weeks.

He recalled his request on July 13 that a five-mile area round Kaesong be declared a neutral zone, and added: "I now invite your attention to this flagrant violation of the assurance which I required, and which you promised."

The announcement said the U.N. negotiators would remain behind their own lines until this violation had been explained.

The Communists were reported yesterday to have promised to investigate the report that armed troops had been seen within the neutral zone.

Buffer Zone Mystery

Last night, the problem of the Korean buffer zone, on which the Kaesong peace talks have been bogged down for the last nine days, assumed the proportions of a mystery, as speculation over exactly what the U.N. delegation was demanding in the way of a demarcation line flared up after seemingly contradictory statements by senior U.N. officials.

On Friday night, General Ridgway declared in Tokyo: "The military demarcation line upon which we must reach agreement therefore lies somewhere between the air and the sea front on the Yalu river" (separating Manchuria and North Korea) "and the ground front in the area of Kaesong, Pyonggang and the Yangin river."

But last night Brigadier General William Nichols, Allied briefing officer, told correspondents that any suggestion that the U.N. sought a line "somewhat between the present battle front and the Yalu" was mere speculation and "far off the beam."

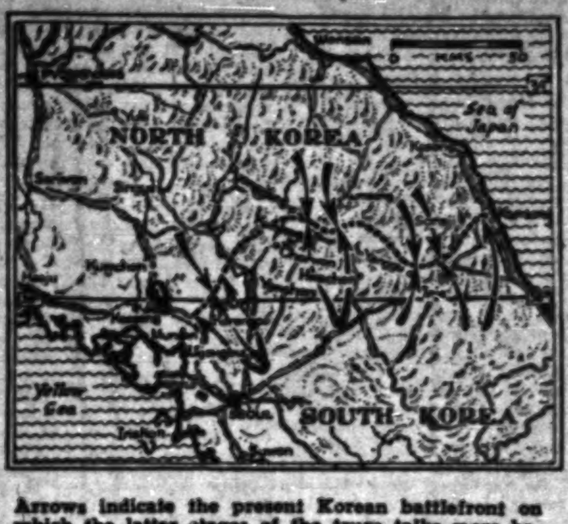
No Comment

Official sources here tonight declined to comment on the difference between the two statements.

General Nichols described the U.N. position as "a very modest one" and expressed the belief that a line approximating the present battle-front could be considered a defensive position." He said it was "quite erroneous" to suggest the U.N. sought a cease-fire line "deep in North Korea."

General Ridgway's statement on Friday was in the form of a press release entitled "background material on the establishment of a demilitarized zone."

Yesterday's brief Kaesong session—the 19th—again failed to resolve the deadlock over the "buffer zone" to separate the two armies in a cease-fire. The Communists want the line along the 38th Parallel, now well behind the U.N. front line in most places.



Arrows indicate the present Korean battlefront on which the latter stages of the truce talks were believed to have been centred.

Chiang Troops Battle on 2 Sides

RANGOON, Saturday (Reuter).—Thousands of Chinese Nationalist troops were today reported battling with Burma Government forces and Chinese Communist armies on Burma's long ragged border with Chinese Yunan. Government sources withheld comment on the clashes, but travellers arriving in Rangoon reported "vast Burmese troop movements" towards the frontier.

Diplomatic sources expressed concern about what they regarded as a threat to Burma's frontier, describing the situation as "serious."

Today's reports came two days after messages from Saigon had told of 18,000 Chinese Nationalists entering China's southwest Yunan province from Burma. They said that on Burma's northeast frontier freshly armed Chinese Nationalists — remnants of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's civil war armies—were trying to join up with other Nationalists already in Yunan.

Entry Forced

They had forced an entry during the past month but had since met stiff resistance from a strong force of Chinese Communist troops. The Communists were now closing in on Burma's northeast frontier.

Reports considered reliable said the Communists were trying to throw the Nationalists out of Yunan while the Burmese troops were fighting to prevent their reentry into Burma.

The independent Burmese newspaper, "Hsbosi," published in the Central Burmese town of Mandalay, declared in a special dispatch "the Nationalist remnants, surrounded by the Communists and heavily mauled, are savagely fighting their way back to their base within the Burma frontier.

"In view of the severe fighting on the frontier Burmese politics may assume a complex character if the Nationalists re-enter Burma en masse."

"Habosi" also alleged that two Americans and some Japanese are helping the Nationalists with arms, ammunition and advice from a secret base in Thailand (Siam).

Observers here today considered the Nationalists had three alternatives: to suffer complete annihilation at the hands of the Communists, to force an entry back into Burma; or to flee to Thailand.

No official figures were available on the number of Nationalists involved but competent sources estimate that there were a total of between 5,000 and 8,000 in northeast Burma.

Lebanon Rounds Up Refugees

Following the recent discovery of a quantity of secret documents belonging to the outlawed National Party, indicating that this body was responsible for the assassination of the ex-Premier, Riad e-Solh in Amman last month, the Lebanese Government immediately ordered the detention of all Palestine refugees in the Lebanon in special camps, ANA reports from Beirut.

Tens of thousands of refugees were rounded up in Beirut, according to ANA, while the remaining refugees in all towns and villages will be rounded up and deported.

Assassination List

The documents alleged to have been found in the homes of former members of the terrorist organization are reported to have included detailed lists of Lebanese statesmen who were scheduled for assassination in order to achieve the party's aim—the union of Syria and the Lebanon.

Following the discovery, the Lebanese authorities asked Syria to declare the party, which has its H.Q. in Damascus, illegal, warning that if this is not done, relations between the two states may deteriorate further.

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Lebanon on 'Verge Of Bankruptcy'

Lebanon's deficit has increased so appreciably that unless drastic steps are taken immediately to reduce expenditure, the country will soon be on the verge of total bankruptcy, the Finance Minister, Philipp Takla, told Parliament on Friday.

He announced that all budget allocations will be drastically cut down, no more luxury can be afforded and a new regime of thrift in all expenditure except Government wages must be introduced if a crisis is to be averted.

Session on Suez Postponed

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday (INA). — The scheduled session of the Security Council to continue consideration of Israel's complaint against Egypt has been postponed from Tuesday till Thursday. The U.S. delegation was instrumental in effecting the postponement and the decision was taken by Mr. Warren Austin, current president of the Council.

The ostensible reason for the postponement, according to U.S. sources, was to allow more time for the delegations' consultations to see if Egypt's attitude on the blockade could be modified. Other sources believe, however, that the delay was called on account of the difficulties which the U.S. is finding in preparing a resolution which would settle the dispute without antagonizing the Egyptians.

Compromise Possibility

It was also felt here that the delay meant that the compromise scheme advanced informally last week becomes a greater possibility. This was to have the Brazilian delegate, Dr. Joao Carlos Muniz, the Council's rapporteur, act as a one-man good offices committee to try to mediate in the dispute.

Up till the time of the announcement of the postponement, there was a strong belief that the U.S. was moving from a tendency to support this mediation proposal towards a policy of more immediate action and the question appeared to be how strong and insistent the Americans wanted the resolution to be.

In Alexandria today, the Suez Canal restrictions were discussed between the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah e-Din. "We hope we may find a satisfactory solution to the problem," Mr. Caffery said later.

Pleven Succeeds Petsche

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — M. Rene Pleven, Vice-Premier in the outgoing government, spent today seeking to solve the 26-day-old cabinet crisis — becoming the fourth party leader to try.

He was called on last night by President Vincent Auriol after the Independent Conservative Finance Minister Maurice Petsche failed to get the Assembly to vote him into the Premiership on Thursday night. But political observers here thought that M. Pleven stands a much better chance. They say that the fighting factions are beginning to show signs of "war weariness."

Jordan Rejects Israel Aid for Hospital Fire

Three Israel fire-fighting vehicles were rushed to Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem shortly after noon yesterday in answer to a call for assistance from U.N. Acting Chief of Staff, Col. Bennet L. de Ridder, as black gusts of billowing smoke silhouetted Augusta Victoria Hospice in the demilitarised zone on the Mt. of Olives.

A Reuter's dispatch from Amman last night reported that thousands of pounds worth of medicine was lost in the fire which started in the medical stores and was said to have been caused by a disorder in the power plant.

The report added that the fire raged all day before being brought under control.

U.N. Appeal

Because of the danger to the 400 patients, who are under the supervision of UNRWA in cooperation with the Lutheran Order, Col. de Ridder called the Israel Police with an urgent appeal for fire-fighting assistance. Within a few minutes, a brigade of two tank-and-pump fire engines, with eight cubic metres of water, led by a red jeep, had already been cleared by Jewish guards at Mandelbaum Gate.

While the Israel fire-fighters, accompanied by Acting District Representative R. Silver, waited in the enclosure between the Israel and Jordan gates, Arab Legion officers held up the convoy and contacted Amman for instructions.

At 1:45 p.m., after more than an hour of waiting, Mr. Silver was approached by a Jordan officer who conveyed his thanks for the offer of assistance, but explained that the fire was already under control.

The Israel fire detail then returned to its Jerusalem station, but remained on the alert all through the afternoon and evening.

Building Undamaged

Despite the Jordan announcement that the blaze had been brought under control, heavy smoke could be seen for another few hours and as late as 6:30 wisps of smoke were still to be noted rising above the hospital.

The fire had, however, been confined to the stores located in the hospital grounds east of the building itself which was not damaged, although the patients had been evacuated as a precaution.

It was later learned that the R.A.F. had sent fire-fighting aid to the scene, presumably from their base at Mafrak in Jordan.

It was nonetheless estimated by observers on the spot that the fire could have been brought under control at least an hour earlier if the Israel apparatus, with its valuable supplement of water on the water-short Mt. of Olives, had been employed in fighting the blaze.

Jerusalem Landmark

Augusta Victoria Hospice is one of the landmarks of the Jerusalem area. Built in 1910 as a German Protestant Hospice by William II, it became the Government House for the Mandatory Palestine Administration and served as such until rendered uninhabitable by the earthquake of 1927. In World War II, Augusta Victoria was a military hospital.

The entire area in which the hospital is located is a demilitarized zone under the supervision of the U.N. All during the blaze the U.N. flag was clearly discernible atop the hospital.

On November 24, 1949 the Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. Abraham Biran, offered fire-engines, chemical extinguishers and expert fire-fighting personnel to Jordan authorities when the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was damaged by fire.

The offer was rejected many hours later by King Abdullah, despite a serious water shortage in the Old City. A foreign diplomat at the scene had said that the blaze, which had lasted many hours, "could have been extinguished in two hours if modern equipment had been available."

Warning On Suez

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). —Lord Lloyd, President of the Navy League, today complained that Britain had taken no steps to assert her rights despite the Egyptian government's "flagrant violation" of the International Convention of 1888, dealing with the Suez Canal.

In a letter published in "The Times," Lord Lloyd went on to say that the loss of prestige which Britain had suffered in the Middle East as a result of the British Government's failure to protect British maritime interests had been disastrous.

"Not only has it led to the affair of the Empire Roach but it has undoubtedly contributed to the present situation in Persia," he continued. "For centuries safeguarding of communications has been the first concern of our governments, whatever their political complexion.

"If we are to survive it must remain so," the letter concluded.

A former Colonial Secretary, Lord Lloyd visited Palestine and the Middle East several times, and has been in close touch with Arab and Jewish affairs for a number of years.

HOUSE ACCEPTS U.S. AID BAN

WASHINGTON, Saturday. (Reuter).—The House of Representatives yesterday approved legislation barring U.S. aid, with some exceptions, to any nation sending war supplies to Russia or her associated states.

Earlier in the Congressional session, a similar ban was approved as a "rider" (extra clause) to an appropriations bill now in force.

DELEGATES TO THE 23rd ZIONIST CONGRESS
AND J.N.F. WORKERS

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Social & Personal

The U.S. Acting Consul-General in Jerusalem and Mrs. Tyler were At Home at the Jerusalem Consulate yesterday afternoon to the Hadassah and other U.S. delegates to the Zionist Congress, and to a delegation from Texas representing Women's Clubs that have donated two scholarships to the Hebrew University. The Hadassah delegates and other visitors were entertained to lunch by the Hadassah Council in Israel, at the home of the Chairman, Mrs. Gershon Agron.

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The Polish Consul-General in Jerusalem, Professor Olgierd Gorka, who is returning to Poland shortly, was entertained at a farewell party on Thursday by the Association of Polish Immigrants at the Yarkon Hotel in Tel Aviv. The reception was attended by Mr. Dov Tesler, of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. M. Thee, Polish Consul in Tel Aviv, and Mr. A. Reiss, President of the Association.

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Mr. Haim Greenberg, member of the Jewish Agency Executive in the U.S., arrived by air on Friday. Mr. Ellis Radinsky, Director of the U.P.A., came in the same plane.

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Mr. Joseph Ginsburg, Australian Poale Zion delegate to the World Zionist Congress, has arrived in Israel.

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Mr. Charles Fried, of the U.S., Mr. Michael Fried, of Sweden, and Mr. Yitzhak Levi, of Holland, arrived by air on Friday to attend the forthcoming conference of the Jewish National Fund.

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The conductor, Mr. Arthur Gelbrun, of the *New Jerusalem Conservatoire and Academy of Music*, has left Israel for a series of concerts in Greece, Switzerland and Italy.

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Dr. Paul Koeser, of "Paltrans" Export Agencies, has returned to Israel from an extensive trip to East Africa, and the Belgian Congo.

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Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Youth and Hehalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, will address a gathering of representatives of World Youth and Halutz Movements at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Teachers' Seminary, Beth Hakerem, Jerusalem.

Women's Clubs Envoys From Texas Here

Representing more than 11 million women throughout the world, thirteen delegates of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs are in Israel as part of a 16-country Good Neighbour Journey.

Headed by Mrs. Preston H Dial, of San Antonio, the delegation left Texas on June 20 on its fourth annual tour. In each country visited on the current journey, which has taken them through most of Europe, the women have presented two scholarships for local students at the University of Texas.

President Weizmann is to accept two such scholarships for Israel students through the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnet Davis, tomorrow evening. The following morning the delegation, which also represents the International General Federation of Women's Clubs, will emplane for Rome on the first leg of their homeward journey.

Mrs. Harry Griffiths, whose home is in the University city of Austin, will be hostess to the recipients of the scholarships during their stay at the University.

250 Residents To Tour France

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Israelis who have not left the country since the establishment of the State may enter their names for a week's holiday in Paris when the list is opened by the Government Tourist Office in about a week.

In all about 250 persons will be able to participate and their names will be drawn out of a hat after the closing of the lists. A similar number of French tourists will visit Israel.

The holiday includes first class passage to Marseilles in a Shoham ship, a seven-day stay in Paris and sightseeing tours in and around Paris as well as entertainment. The participants will receive IL.5 in foreign currency as pocket money but otherwise they will not need any foreign currency since they will be able to pay for everything in advance.

No Foreign Exchange

This tourist exchange is the result of an agreement between the Government tourist departments of the two countries. Since it does not cost the State any foreign exchange there was no reason why Israelis who have not been abroad for a number of years should not benefit from the scheme, an official told *The POST*.

Advertisements giving details of the scheme and informing the public on the manner of registration will be published in the local press in about ten days.

BRAVES LEGION FIRE: HELD BY POLICE

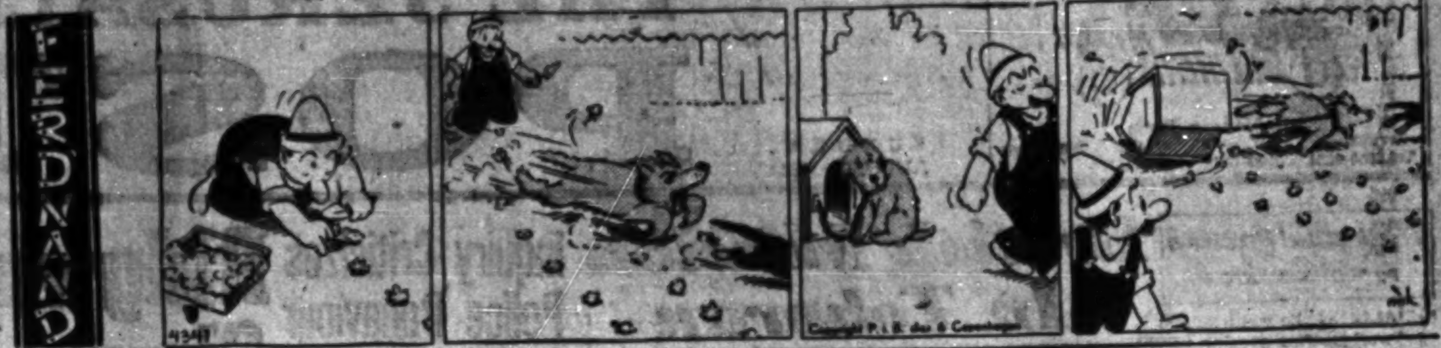
A 29-year-old Jerusalem man told a friend yesterday that he planned to commit suicide. The friend waved him aside impatiently after advising him to visit a psychiatrist.

A few hours later police arrested the distraught man who was in the no-man's-land region near Jaffa Gate and shaking his fists in the direction of the Old City wall in an apparent effort to attract the fire of Arab Legionnaires. He is being held for questioning.

Send Regards Over Kol Zion

Anyone wishing to broadcast a Yiddish greeting to relatives abroad will soon be able to do so—courtesy of Kol Zion Lagola, the radio station announced yesterday.

Those who apply in writing to the station (P.O.B. 754, Jerusalem) will receive an appointment for a microphone interview.



Speculations on New Coalition Rife in Weekend Press

Speculations on possibilities for the formation of a coalition cabinet, and on the tense situation in the Middle East, were again featured in the press on Friday.

"A small coalition headed by Mapai is a step toward the normalization of Israel democracy," Mr. Yagol wrote in "Hador" (Mapai).

In an interview published in "Ha'aretz" (Independent), Mr. M. Argov, of the Mapai Executive, speaking in an unofficial capacity, stressed the unfeasibility of a coalition with either the General Zionists or Mapam, since the General Zionists were fundamentally an anti-Labour force, and Mapam a Communist-oriented party. He asserted that his party was interested in a coalition with no Labour elements, except those formerly in the Religious Bloc.

At the same time, Mr. P. Bernstein, writing in "Ha'aretz," opined that any "small coalition" headed by Mapai would be even less stable than the First Knesset coalition.

Election Indecisive

Mr. Y. Heftman, the editor of "Haboker" (General Zionist), wrote that the self-congratulatory mood that had prevailed at party headquarters immediately after elections had given way to a sense of general disappointment, which was felt by the man-in-the-street, as well as by party leaders. Its cause, he found, was the indecisiveness of the election results.

The fact that Mapai had succeeded in the elections despite the opposition of the "neutral press," including afternoon dailies, as well as of the official party organs, had proven the paltry influence of the press on basic public opinions, Mr. Dan Pines wrote in "Davar" (Histadrut). Regarding the question on whether Mapai had won, Mr. Pines answered — "Yes and no..."

Mr. M. Bentov, analyzing the results in the columns of "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) asserted that Mapam had gained an important election victory, as it had been able to consolidate its position in the face of the heavy Mapai onslaught. Regarding the broader goals of Mapam, he said the party should not regard the present as a "revolutionary opportunity," as the economic and social developments necessarily force the United Labourites to swim against the stream.

"Let us be men; let us not shut our eyes to reality," the editor of "Herut" wrote. "All the others have failed, but our failure has been greater than theirs. However, our struggle continues... We must expect a turn in the fortunes of the 'national movement' if we continue our activities."

"Hakol" (Poalei Agudat Israel), wrote that the possibility that Mapai might attempt to abolish proportional representation in order to achieve a stable Government in future elections constituted a tangible problem, and reminded its readers that only the negative votes of Eri Jabotinsky and Hillel Kook (Herut dissidents), had prevented the First House from accepting a proposal which would have permitted a simple majority to alter the electoral system.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi), placed itself in opposition to new elections during the first year of the Second Knesset's tenure, while "Kol Ha'am" (Communist), excoriated Mapam leadership for not including the Communists in their proposal for a Labour Front Government.

Mid-East Tension

"Haboker" editorially scored American appeasement of Egypt and other Arab states, while "Al Hamishmar" called attention to growing tension in the Middle East. It wrote that new threats against Israel have been uttered in both Syria and Egypt, but noted that popular discontent was snowballing in both countries. Israel, therefore, must be ready to find a way to understanding with new progressive forces rising in the Middle East, as well to repel agressive action on the part of the reactionary forces now ruling the Arab world.

'Capital Geared for 1000 Congress Guests

Preparations have been completed for the accommodation in housing-short Jerusalem of over a thousand delegates and guests from abroad, who will be in the capital to attend the Zionist Congress. More than 570 Congress visitors, including 100 delegates had been registered by the Congress Organization Committee by Tuesday. The Committee, headed by Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, has already reserved 1,120 beds in hotels, private homes, pensions and institutions.

The Congress' plenary sessions will be held in the still incomplete Convention Centre in Romema. The scaffold-ridden hall will seat 1,750 persons, but 1,000 tickets per session have been reserved for delegates and special guests.

The Zionist Executive is currently in session to iron out wrinkles in the Congress agenda, proposals, and procedure. At a meeting in Jerusalem on Thursday it decided to present the delegates with a proposal for discussion of four sets of problems: "Settlement, Absorption and Development," to be presented by Mr. Levi Eshkol and Mr. Y. Berninski; "Problems of the Organization and Status of the Zionist Movement," to be outlined by Mr. A. Dobkin and Mrs. Rose Halprin; "Ingathering of the Exiles," Mr Y. Raphael; and "National Capital — The Funds and Campaigns," upon which Mr. Moshe Kol will speak.

At a final pre-Congress session on August 12, the present Executive will formulate final suggestions for the Congress Presidium, agenda and calendar.

The Congress Court will convene in the auditorium of the Rehavia Gymnasia on August 9.

It is understood that the report to the Congress of Administration of the Zionist Organization will be ready for distribution on August 10, and will be printed in 1,500 copies in Hebrew and English.

The opening ceremonies will be take place at Mount Herzl at 5 p.m. on August 14, and will be preceded by a motor caravan of Cabinet ministers, veterans of past Congresses, and members of the Executive of the Congress.

The ceremony will be marked by the unfurling of the national flag together with those of the President and Herzl. Extracts from Herzl's writings will be read, and Rabbi Y.L. Maimon, Minister for Religious Affairs and oldest member of the Government, will recite "Sheheyanu." The proceedings will close with a review of Congress delegates and other participants. There will be no speeches.

The Congress itself will be opened at 8 o'clock the same evening in the customary manner, by Dr. A. Schalit, one-time secretary of Herzl, who will give the three traditional raps with the gavel. President Weizmann will then address the Congress, followed by the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem, Mr. Berl Locker, who will deliver the opening lecture on the accomplishments of the World Zionist Organization since its inception.

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, will speak on behalf of the Government, and Mr. S. Z. Shragai, Mayor of Jerusalem, will greet the delegates on behalf of the Municipality. Dr. Nahum Goldman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, will lecture on "The people of Israel and the State of Israel."

Yanks Take Lead In American League

After winning a double-Leader from the White Sox last Sunday, the Yankees nosed out the Tigers on Monday 5 to 4 to establish a 2½ game lead over Red Sox and Indians. The standings on July 31 were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Per-c'tage	Gms. Behind
New York	59	35	.628	—
Boston	57	38	.600	2½
Cleveland	57	38	.600	2½
Chicago	54	44	.551	7
Detroit	43	50	.462	15½
Wash.	43	52	.453	16½
Philadelphia	38	60	.388	23
St. Louis	30	64	.319	29

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Per-c'tage	Gms. Behind
Brooklyn	62	32	.660	—
New York	55	44	.556	9½
Phila.	48	49	.495	15½
St. Louis	46	47	.495	15½
Boston	44	49	.473	17½
Cincinnati	44	50	.468	18
Chicago	39	50	.438	20½
Pittsburgh	39	56	.411	23½

Where to Go

JERUSALEM
8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema.
9-1; 3-6: Exhibition of New Acquisitions; Line Engravings by Cecile Reims; Exhibit of the Month: Bohemian Glass (17th Cent.): Bezalel Museum.
10-1; 4-7: Works by Zeev Tishby, Avram Wolf & Willy Gordon: Artists' House.
11-1: Students' Works: New Bezalel School of Arts & Crafts.
11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.
TEL AVIV
9-1; 4-8: Chagall Exhibition: Tel Aviv Museum.
10-1; 5-7: M. Lande Exhibition, Katz Gallery, 97 Dizengoff.
8.30 p.m.: "Tartuffe": Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.
HAIFA
8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.
10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

Haifa Cinemas

At 8.30 p.m.
CARMEL: Slave Girl.
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ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
TEL AVIV: 65.9, 33.3 & 425 M.)

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.; Turkish: 10 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

9.15 a.m. Service from the Greek Orthodox Church, Haifa. 10.30 Music (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Overture "Leonora" No. 3 (Beethoven); Piano Concerto No. 1 (Liszt); Serenade for Strings (Dvorak). 12.00 N. "Vacation & Recreation: Programme for Holiday Camp Children. 12.30 Interlude. 12.35 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Housewives' corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for the Yemenites. 4.30 Dance Music (R). 5.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Light Music (R). 5.30 Film Review. 6.45 Musical Programme. Announcements. 6.15 Talk. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Agricultural Corner. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor Heinz Freudenthal. Soloist: Peter Wallfisch: [illegible] for Piano & Orchestra [illegible] Overture [illegible] 9.30 "The [illegible] Wants to Know..." 9.45 From the World of Music. 10.30 "On A Desert Island." 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (32.3 M.): 6.30 p.m. French; 7.00 p.m. Ladino; 7.30 p.m. Yiddish; 8.00 p.m. Rumanian. 8.15 p.m. Hungarian.

Kol Zion Lagola (32.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 12.45 "Album for the First Congress Year": by J. Meltzer.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Programme Parade. 7.48 Music.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.00 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.35 Vocal Recital. 7.00 Nahal Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Sports. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 This Week's Programme. 9.00 Chamber Music. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	17	31	31
Nathanya	67	22	31	31
Tel Aviv	77	22	29	29
Lydda	54	21	33	33
Jerusalem	46	17	23	29
Beersheba	36	19	34	34

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

The preliminary investigation against three Arabs charged with espionage continued behind closed doors at the Magistrate's Court in Tel Aviv, on Friday, when three more prosecution witnesses were heard. One of them was the taxi driver who assisted in the arrest of the accused.

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For entering an area reserved for seated spectators at the Ramat Gan Stadium while in possession of a standing ticket, and for failing to obey ushers and the police, Eliahu Sheholov, 29, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate, on Friday.

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The Military Police have posted notices on the Tel Aviv seashore warning that the entire Tel Aviv-Jaffa beach is "out of bounds to all ranks."

Two Veteran Zionists Dead in Haifa

The deaths took place in Haifa on Thursday and yesterday of two veterans of the Hovevei Zion and Zionist movements — Prof. Heinrich Loewe and Mr. Moshe Aharon Machles, both at the age of 82.

Prof. Loewe passed away after a long illness on Thursday. He was a pre-Herzl Zionist and a delegate of the Jewish colonies in Palestine to the First and subsequent Zionist Congresses. He was also one of the first German Jews to adopt the Hebrew language in his home. For many years he was Chairman of the Zionist Organisation in Berlin, and a member of the Jewish Community Council there.

He was the author of several books on Semitics, and was a Professor at Berlin University. On his emigration to Palestine in 1934, he was appointed Director of the Tel Aviv Municipal Library by Mayor Meir Dizengoff. His funeral took place in Tel Aviv on Friday.

Founder of J.N.F.

Moshe Aharon Machles, who died after a brief illness yesterday, was also a delegate to the First Zionist Congress and took part in the Convention of the Russian Zionists held in Minsk in 1902. He was also one of the founders of the Jewish National Fund, established by the Fifth Congress.

For many years he was a member of the Haifa Community Council, and founded several synagogues and the Haifa Aged Home, which he directed until his death.

His funeral will be held in Haifa today. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and grandchildren.

RESIGNATION OF SHARIV REPORTED

The Prime Minister's Office said on Friday that it had "no knowledge" of the reported resignation of Mr. Zvi Shariv, the Control Commissioner who was appointed on May 10 to coordinate the activities of the Anti-Black Market Departments of the various Ministries. It is understood, however, that Mr. Shariv has not appeared in his office for the last few days.

Mr. Shariv is an associate of the Nir Company and earlier served as Economic Adviser to the Army. It was understood that he had originally accepted the post for three months.

Ice Factories Told To Work 24 Hours

Ice factories are to operate 24 hours a day and seven days a week in order to ensure an adequate supply, it was decided at a special meeting of Ministry of Agriculture Directorate and Regional Food Inspectors held in Jerusalem on Friday.

It was also decided to prohibit entirely the delivery of ice to private homes except with the special permission of the Local Food Inspector. The measure is designed to prevent black market sales at inflated prices.

Each distributor will be obliged to employ an assistant in order to speed up sales, and arrangements will be made for the reallocation of surpluses between the various districts.

Distribution carts will work within restricted areas and will be tied to specific distribution points at fixed times.

Local Food Inspectors will also work with the local authorities in order to achieve maximum efficiency in distribution.

ICE MAKERS SUE 'DAVAR'

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — The Ice Manufacturers Association, represented by Mr. R. Nochimovsky, yesterday filed a libel suit against "Davar," its responsible editor, Dr. Zvi Rotem and the Davar Press, Ltd.

The Association claims that the Histadrut paper published an article on June 15 with intent to defame its members who belong to Opposition political parties. The article referred to claimed that the sudden shortage of ice that occurred shortly before the elections was due to the political considerations of "a certain party" which had attempted to arouse the public against the "Mapai government" by depriving it of ice several days before the poll.

The case will be heard on August 26 by Magistrate Y. Ben Hanoch.

Firm Admits Making Unlicensed Products

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Magen Chatwood, Ltd., admitted in a letter to the press yesterday that it had unwittingly produced several luxury-type ice boxes without a permit, but said it was obtaining the necessary approval now. The statement followed the opening of an investigation by the economic section of the police last week.

The police had confiscated one of the ice boxes which was on display in the Hefzibah Department Store in Tel Aviv. It was priced at IL.54, while regulations allow only the manufacture of Lakol ice boxes at IL.24 each.

The manufacturers say that the ice box was a sample to test its market possibilities and to interest foreign investors in the project. Several other samples were under construction from material already in stock for some time, the Company said.

Police sources say that the Company should have applied for a permit to produce the sample and to set a price on it.

Stolen Bread On Sale in Beersheba

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Several hundred loaves of stolen bread were sold openly here yesterday. They had been looted from the "Nachshon" bakery on Thursday and were sold to residents and Beduin from the surrounding district at 500 pruta each.

The looting occurred after crowds stormed the bakery and its vans following the fire which destroyed part one of the town's two bakeries last Tuesday. Police attempted vainly to intervene.

The "Nachshon" bakery is working 24 hours a day and supplying 6,000 loaves. Another 4,000 are being imported daily from outside by the Municipality in cooperation with the Food Supply Department of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Autumn 'War Games' To Begin Shortly

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Army's autumn manoeuvres are expected to start shortly. They will consist mainly of "war games" calculated to test tactical problems, and will engage far fewer men than last year's manoeuvres, it was announced here yesterday.

The civilian population will be affected mainly by the call-up of Reservists which is, however, not expected to be very large.

The civilian population, however, will be expected to be prepared for surprise "attacks" and for the requisition of vehicles for the exercises.

Longer Period

There will be several stages in the manoeuvres, which might last longer than last year. Foreign Military Attaches and local military correspondents will be invited to some parts of the manoeuvres. Those portions intended to test war tactics and formations will be secret.

It is expected that the Minister of Defence will not exercise the right, granted him by the Knesset last year, to call on Reserves to report for special duty. Instead, the amendment to the Defence Service Law permitting the Army to stagger a man's Reserve service will be applied wherever possible.

Labour and Industry Agree to New Index

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Cost of living allowances in industry for the current quarter are to based on the new index, according to a new agreement expected to be signed between the Manufacturers' Association and the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut early this week.

The agreement will be retroactive from July 15, and will amount to an increase of about IL.1,200 per month.

Although the exact relationship between the new index and that now in use has not been calculated by the Central Bureau of Statistics, both parties agreed that it would be fairer to make independent calculations and to pay the allowances according to the new schedule.

The new index is based on many additional items of consumption, thus assuring a more realistic reference to actual market changes.

Under the new guide, which has not yet been officially approved by the Government, workers get about 750 pruta more than under the old.

Industry Court To Try Profiteers

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Manufacturers' and Merchants' Associations and the Union of Chambers of Commerce have set up courts of honour to prevent their members from passing goods to the black market.

The scheme, to be known as the Inter-Organizational Committee for Production and Marketing Distribution, has been approved by the Government, and Mr. A. Arieli, Deputy Director of the Ministry for Trade and Industry, has been delegated as liaison officer between the Government and the Committee.

The scheme is expected to prove a greater deterrent for would-be black marketeers than official action, as the expulsion of an industrialist from the Manufacturers' Association or the stoppage of supplies can be a more severe punishment than civil courts can impose.

The Committee is expected to pass to the Ministry of Justice cases where manufacturers or merchants do not abide by the decision of the Court of Honour, which is to be composed of members of the same section to which the accused belongs. A case in the leather branch is now pending before an honour court, it is learned.

71 pilgrims from the Richelieu Institute, of Paris, are due to cross from Jordan at Mandelbaum Gate this morning. ...... 23 pilgrims, including 12 from the U.S., crossed into Israel from the Old City on Friday.

All Jerusalem Cinemas Close

Jerusalem's eight cinemas went on strike last night in protest against an increase in the Municipal amusement tax. Large crowds filled the streets and cafes while many others stood around the box offices of the cinemas, reading the large posters which announced the strike.

This was the fourth increase in the tax in the last two years, it was said. The 55-pruta levy on a 150-pruta ticket has now been increased to 75 pruta and the 85-pruta tax on the 250 pruta ticket to 150 pruta. The Government amusement levy is smaller than the municipal, as the Government takes in Jerusalem only 50 per cent of that paid in other cities.

The Municipality, on the other hand, points out, that because the Government takes less in Jerusalem, tickets are still cheaper than in the other cities. The Government has approved the latest increase. The cheap popular-priced tickets are unaffected.

After the Financial Committee of the Municipality had decided on the new increase, the cinema proprietors met representatives of the Municipality and offered to accept an increase up to the Haifa level. There was another conference on Friday, also without results. The theatre-owners believe the higher price will cause a decrease in the number of cinema goers.

On Tuesday there is to be a general meeting of Israel cinema-owners in the Studio in Jerusalem.

Suspect Dies in Fall From Police H.Q.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A man, who was being questioned at Police headquarters here yesterday jumped from a fourth floor window after being told that his case would be taken to Court. The victim, Shmuel Solomonidis, 62, of Tel Aviv, landed on his head on the courtyard below and was killed instantly.

Solomonidis apparently jumped after Inspector H. Kugel, who had been questioning him, left the room for a moment. He was accused of being the intermediary between two local persons and a pilot of the Italian L.A.I. airline for the transmission of letters with instructions for the transfer of currency abroad. Mr. Solomonidis had been Chairman of the Jewish Community in Braila, Rumania.

The local suspects, Haim Gedaliahu and Yeshayahu Jerassi, of Tel Aviv, have been remanded for six days each, and the pilot, Erik Farber, has been released on IL.200 bail.

Bulldozer Kills Man

HAIFA, Saturday. — A bulldozer ran over Issa Ahmed Sambur, 52, of Hababir, Mt. Carmel, at the United Lime Quarries near Zichron Ya'acov yesterday, killing him instantly. The driver, Ahmed Hussein Sambur, 19, a nephew of the victim, was arrested.

GRANDFATHER HELD IN BABY'S DEATH

ACRE, Saturday. — Within 24 hours after he had disappeared with his five-day-old grandchild, Ibrahim Muhammad el Murri, of Kfar Mazra, was arrested today. He had buried the infant at the Moslem cemetery here, he said.

The Government hospital laboratory in Haifa is examining the body to determine whether the baby had died a natural death or whether it had been killed.

The mother, Fatmeh Ibrahim, 18, told the police that she had been assaulted by her brother two years her senior.

Held for Trial On Charge of Abuse

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Shalom Paskah, charged with abuse of his authority as Assistant Secretary of the Building Materials Department of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, was yesterday remanded for trial before the Tel Aviv District Court by Magistrate D. Waldmann.

Paskah is charged with buying building materials for his private use on the basis of a licence issued in the name of Mr. A. Dulinsky. He was defended by Mr. M. M. Krizmann.

U. S. Concern Over Kashmir

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. has expressed its concern to India and Pakistan over the tense situation created by the gathering of troops on either side of the India-Pakistan border, State Department officials said yesterday.

They added that the U.S. had not specifically asked India and Pakistan to withdraw their forces, but had stressed the dangerous possibilities in the situation.

It was learned that the U.S. had expressed its concern to both Governments through informal approaches by its ambassadors in both countries last week.

The ambassadors also urged moderation upon the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, and the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, in the handling of the situation.

Congress Asked To Visit Russia

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Democratic Senator Brien MacMahon proposed on Thursday that Congress send a 50-member "committee of friendship" to Russia to tell the Russian people about the peaceful aims of the American people.

At the same time, he said, Congress should invite the members of the Soviet Politburo "to visit America so they could breathe the clean air of democracy and decide for themselves whether the American people want war or peace."

Senator MacMahon made the proposal in a Senate speech denouncing the Soviet leaders for their failure to publicise the recent Congress resolution, which he sponsored, proclaiming the American people's desire for peace and reaffirming their friendship for the Russian people. President Truman transmitted the resolution to President Shvernik of the U.S.S.R. The Senator said the Russians had not even acknowledged receipt of Mr. Truman's letter — "a situation perhaps unprecedented in the history of relations between Governments."

"The Kremlin wants to keep the truth from the Russian people, he said, "because once the Russian people learns the truth the game is up for them."

DIED. — Mohammed Tewfik Khaled, Mufti of the Lebanon for the last quarter of a century, died near Damascus on Friday. He was 76.

Arab Refugees Want Jordan

DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuter). — Nearly 1,000 Palestine refugees yesterday staged their [illegible] demonstration in successive days demanding the annexation of Jordan.

The demonstrators carried banners asking for "the liberation of southern Syria (Jordan and the Arab portion of Palestine) and its annexation to the mother country" (Syria).

Reports from Aleppo said Syria's second largest town would remain closed today so that another demonstration, attended by every section of the people, could demand annexation.

Syria Lifts Cyprus Ban

By Shahe Guebenlian, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — The Syrian Government has lifted the restrictions imposed on the import of Cypriot goods, a Chamber of Commerce statement revealed here today.

This followed strong representations made by both the Chamber of Commerce and the Government of Cyprus. The restrictions were imposed last May when the Syrians suspected that some products coming from Cyprus originated in Israel. Later, on Egyptian allegations that Cyprus had become a centre of Jewish trade, the restrictions were intensified.

JALAMEH REPORT

(Continued from Page One)

police force for the protection of detainees and prisoners.

The bulk of the report was a review of the evidence. The Committee held that the detainees' testimony was fundamentally consistent, while the police evidence was contradictory. The lapses of memory of police witnesses was also deplored.

The majority, however, censured the police action in assigning Inspector Hoffstatter to confer with police witnesses before the inquiry. They felt that this had impeded the Committee's work and prevented them from eliciting the full facts.

The minority said, however, that it had been perfectly regular for a police officer to advise the men, and that the mere fact that there were discrepancies in the evidence of different police officers showed that they had not been briefed on their evidence.

The Knesset is expected to convene on Tuesday, and the report will be submitted by Mrs. Hanna Lamdan (Mapam), the Committee Chairman. The other members were Messrs. Herzl Berger and David Hacohen (Mapai), Dr. Z. Warhaftig (Orthodox Bloc), Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut), Mr. Yosef Saphir (General Zionists) and Mr. Idoh Cohen (Progressives).

East German Ban Continues Trade War

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — East Germany yesterday stopped softcoal supplies to West Berlin and threatened "catastrophic" reprisals to the West German action in cutting off exports to the Soviet Zone.

Experts predicted that East Germany is unlikely to make a serious attempt to start interzonal trade again until after the Berlin festival ends on August 19.

West Germany banned exports to Eastern Germany as from midnight last Thursday when the last East West trade agreement expired. The West German government refuses to ratify a new £84 million trade agreement until Soviet inspired trade restrictions of West Berlin exports are lifted.

Small Airlift

On Wednesday a small scale commercial airlift was started to carry West Berlin goods, mainly surgical equipment, optical goods, machine tools and perishables, to West Germany.

Officials in West Berlin said the only possible reprisal seriously feared would be the cutting off of electricity supplies, which would have much more serious effects than any shortage of softcoal.

Israel Airplanes To Spray Cyprus Crops

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Two Chim-Avir aircraft, fitted out with crop-spraying and dusting equipment, left Haifa for Cyprus yesterday to assist Cypriot growers in exterminating insects plaguing their crops.

Mr. W. Van Leer, of Messrs. Chim-Avir, Ltd., will direct the operation which has been arranged in cooperation with the Ministry of Trade and Industry. He will be assisted by six Israel experts.

A fire in Abu Kebir last Thursday destroyed IL.15,000 worth of linseed oil in the Verolit factory and caused another IL.8,000 damage to the neighbouring Ogen factory when heat caused the explosion of thousands of bottles filled with chemicals.

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Cables in Brief

BAN. — Turkey has followed the example of Lebanon and Egypt by announcing that no pilgrims will be allowed to go to Mecca this year until the present cholera epidemic in Saudi Arabia is over.

INCREASE. — The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has agreed that Turkey's representation in the Council's Consultative Assembly should be increased from eight to ten members.

PROTEST. — Yugoslavia has protested to Hungary and Rumania against frontier incidents which she accuses them of having deliberately provoked.

REJECTED. — France, Britain and the U.S. on Friday rejected a West German request that the three Western Powers should intervene against what Chancellor Adenauer called "the undemocratic regime" in the Saar.

RELATIONS. — Chile is to re-establish diplomatic relations with Western Germany. She withdrew her representatives in 1942.

DAMAGES. — Poland has demanded damages from Britain for the "illegal detention" of two ships ordered by Poland from a British shipyard but requisitioned by the British Admiralty.

JAMBOREE. — Nearly 20,000 boy scouts took part at the opening ceremony of the Seventh World Scout Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria, yesterday.

VISIT. — Mr. John B. Blandford, the new Director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, paid his first visit to Amman yesterday. He was received by the Regent, Emir Naif, and the Premier, Tewfik Pasha Abu'l Huda.

DUTCH-ISRAEL TRADE AGREEMENT

THE HAGUE Saturday (Reuter). — "Provisional agreement" has been reached here between the Netherlands and Israel on a trade and payments agreement for the period November 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952, it was announced here yesterday.

The old agreement which expires on August 31 will be prolonged by two months. No further details were given.

Personal Notices

THE BRITH MILAH OF THE SON OF
Ben and Erika Oyserman
will take place on Monday, August 6, 1951, at 11 a.m., at their home, Hos House, Rehov [illegible], Kiryat Shmuel, Jerusalem.
This is the only intimation.

We deeply regret to announce the death of
SAMI SOLOMONIDIS
Formerly Chairman of the Jewish Community and the Zionist Organisation of Braila, Rumania.
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CIVIL SERVANTS AND POLITICS

DURING the months between the collapse of the Coalition and the elections, the country was not left without a government. The Cabinet met regularly and legislation took its turn in the Knesset; and if there were no striking innovations, neither was there marked paralysis in administration or law-making. To note this satisfactory feature of the in-between-government period is not to accept the cycle of crisis and election as normal or tolerable. The country must settle down, and the sooner stability is reached the better. That we have done as well as we have is due to the steadiness of the Civil Service no less than to that of the Ministers who have had to carry on with their gruelling work under the cloud of the Knesset's non-confidence vote and in a pre-election atmosphere.

But there is one aspect arising out of the election which deserves immediate consideration. Many senior civil servants in Israel have awaited the results of the elections with apprehension. Often owing their appointment to party-allegiance, they fear that a change in government will automatically lead to their dismissal. Assuming their party affiliation to have been the main qualification for a post in the case of a number of our civil servants, such a drastic course would be disastrous. It is true that only now, after a century and more, is the United States emerging from the Spoils System whereby every rural postmaster, for example, was automatically replaced every time there was a change in the Federal Government. But Israel, in this regard, as in others, can start where others have left off, and not where they began.

Sweeping replacement of officials is destructive of efficiency and is contrary to the root principle of a neutral civil service. If the Civil Service in Israel is to be kept out of politics, then no civil servant should be replaced (except Ministers' private secretaries) when there is a change of Government. The turnover is already far too high. No less than 250 civil servants resign each month in Israel largely in order to take up better paid employment outside the Service. This applies in particular to the Department of Customs and Excise and the Ministry of Trade and Industry where junior officials are tempted away by the higher salaries offered by businesses with which they are in daily contact; and to the Ministry of Justice whose junior staff is tempted away by the higher salaries paid in advocates' offices. There is nothing improper in such resignations, although it puts a great strain on the Civil Service Commission which has to provide replacements and on the Ministries that have to start training new staff. If on top of this high rate of turnover in the lower ranks, there is to be a political purge of those civil servants in the senior ranks whose parties are not in the new Coalition, the efficiency of the Civil Service will be seriously impaired.

Mr. Ben Gurion has promised to increase the efficiency of the Civil Service. We must hope that he and the other Ministers will set their faces resolutely against any attempt to dismiss Senior Civil servants on grounds of their political allegiance or on the grounds of newly-discovered inefficiency.

Peron Medal For Weizmann

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (INA). — President Juan Peron joined the Jewish community on Thursday in singing "Hatikvah" and the Argentine national anthem at a huge demonstration in honour of Dr. Pablo Manguel, Argentine Minister to Israel, on his return here.

Dr. Manguel received a big ovation from the crowd which cheered the announcement that Argentine's highest decoration has been awarded to President Weizmann and will be presented by Dr. Manguel on his return.

Mr. Yakov Tsur, Israel Minister to Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, left here on Thursday for a conference at Hakirya.

TROUBLED WATERS OF SUEZ (II)

EGYPT DEFIES ARMISTICE

This is the second part of an article on the Suez Canal. The first appeared on Friday.

By E. MAYER-BENTOV

IT LOOKS HARMLESS enough, this picture of a king in a launch, but it caused a situation... It even caused Egypt's Farouk to cut short his honeymoon visit to Lugano, Switzerland. Farouk was leaving the hotel Splendide for a flutter on the tables of Campione, across the lake, when a cameraman took this shot. Police seized the film. Then the Journalists' Association appealed to the Swiss President. An order was made for its return to the owner. "Switzerland is a free country" was the ruling. When Farouk was told about that he left Switzerland in a hurry, at midnight — and in a huff. He and Queen Narriman headed for Bellagio on Lake Como. Last week they went aboard their yacht at Genoa, and sailed for San Remo on the Italian Riviera.
Express Photo

THE neutrality of the Canal and the freedom of its use were guiding principles since its statute was first formulated. The firman of 1866 included a clause to the effect that the Canal should always be open to any merchant ship without distinction of nationality. A Declaration issued in 1873 by an international commission meeting at Constantinople went further and stipulated freedom of navigation for warships as well. By this Declaration, as an Italian historian of the Canal observes, the Canal was placed under the protection of the whole of Europe. During the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78, the question arose as to what would be the position of the Canal if Turkey became a belligerent. The question became even more acute after the British occupation of Egypt, when a re-affirmation of international protection became imperative. A first attempt was made in Paris in March, 1885 by representatives of nine States.

The Convention of 1888

After prolonged diplomatic negotiations, an agreement was signed at Constantinople on October 29, 1888 by Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Russia, and Turkey. In its first Article, this Convention stated that the Canal "shall always be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace." Any interpretation conflicting with this general principle was eliminated by Article Four where it says that **"no right of war, no act of hostility, nor any act aiming at restricting the free navigation through the Canal shall be exercised in the Canal and its ports... even if the Ottoman Empire were one of the belligerents."**

Later on, the Convention was confirmed in a British-French declaration of 1904 concerning Egypt and Morocco, and it was again reaffirmed in the Peace Treaty of Lausanne after the first world war, and in a British-Italian agreement, of 1938.

The question has been asked why blockade was expressly mentioned in Article Four when provision was already made for the prohibition of "acts of hostility." One of the French commentators gives the conclusive answer that the intention was to prohibit blockade even in time of peace (*"blocus pacifique"*).

The position in international law is perfectly clear. No question of sovereign rights can arise, nor is this a case of domestic jurisdiction. Even if Egypt considers herself as still being at war, and if she does not abide by the terms of the Armistice Agreement, she still has no leg to stand on under the terms of the Convention. The right of free transit in it was confirmed by the late Prime Minister of Egypt, Nokrashi Pasha, when he told the Security Council in August, 1947 that "the Canal is an international artery open to all nations in time of peace and in time of war."

U.N. Rulings

It is hardly necessary to recall here all the representations and statements made in this connection. It suffices to refer to the authoritative declaration made by Dr. Ralph Bunche in August, 1949 that the Egyptian restrictions are inconsistent with the letter and the spirit of the Armistice Agreement, and to General Riley's condemnation, in June 1951, of Egypt's action as "aggressive and hostile."

Untenable as Egypt's restrictive interpretation is on all counts, it appears in a particularly illuminating light when compared with the very extensive interpretation given to both the letter and the spirit of the Armistice Agreement with Syria when the Huleh dispute arose.

Economically, the revenue from the Suez Canal has never been of any importance in the Budget of Egypt. "The Suez Canal hardly deserves mention in a chapter concerned with Egyptian economics," writes a noted economist of Arab origin. All that Egypt is entitled to is a participation in the gross profits of the Company which, under an agreement of March, 1949, were increased to 7 per cent, equivalent to about LE.800,000, instead of LE.300,000 as previously, with a guaranteed minimum of LE.350,000.

On the other hand, and quite apart from Israel's position, other nations — as the traffic figures show — are vitally interested. It has been estimated that Britain alone loses £17.5m. a year as a result of the ban on tankers and the Iraqi stoppage of oil supplies to Haifa.

The issue then is no longer whether Egypt is violating the Armistice Agreement with Israel, but whether the United Nations and the signatories of the Convention of 1888 are willing and in a position to enforce their rights under the U.N. Charter and under an international Statute to which Egypt herself is a party, and which she openly defies to such an extent that a leading Egyptian newspaper could write: "Egypt has the right to close the Canal completely should she so wish" — an interpretation as curious as it is cynical of the motto of the Canal: *"Aperire terram gentibus."*

Interests of Peace

At the last meeting of the Canal Company, its French chairman observed: "Experience is repeatedly proving the wisdom of the general conditions under which the Canal is run and which arises both from the provisions of its concession and from international public law."

The proceedings before the Security Council of the United Nations will show whether this international law can be openly and recklessly defied, or whether the neutrality of the Canal must be restored, not only in the interest of Israel and the seafaring nations but in the even more urgent interest of peace in this part of the world.

MUSICAL DIARY

HANAN Schlesinger's "Four Landscapes" was the main feature of Kol Israel's Tuesday night concert, conducted by the composer. It is an inspired and pleasing score, with light instrumentation, although originally written for a large orchestra. "In the Mountains of Galil" and "Kinnereth" are impressionistic in colour, "The Waterfall" is attractive and vivid. The closing "Jerusalem" is a marche funèbre, Eroica-like, with the characteristic depressing atmosphere of a sea of dead stone. The bill also presented the overture "Iphigenie in Aulis" by Gluck and Mendelssohn's gay "Italian" symphony. The orchestra was in good form and even the horns sounded remarkably clear.

Isaac Stern Recital

Isaac Stern's performance of Vitali's Ciaconna at the Edison on Wednesday left the deepest impression of the evening. In this rendering we were aware of something like a dialogue with a supernatural power, a thank-offering. Beethoven's Sonata op. 30/2 was presented with a classic perfection, while Prokofieff's inspired, gay sonata op. 94 made an exquisite contrast. What is most puzzling about the young master is his clarity. Sometimes one would prefer more of the temperament he evinced two years ago in his unforgettable interpretation of Bach's E Major Concerto. Although the musical structure is always flawless, we missed the personality behind the artist.

In Szymanowski's "La Fontaine d'Aréthuse" the vibrant quality was lacking.

Ravel's "Tzigane" was rendered as a matter of routine but Tchaikovsky's "Valse Sentimentale" could not be performed with more delicacy and grace. Mr. Stern's ensemble-playing with his accompanist Alexander Zakin was first rate.

FRANGO

Puppets with Music

The Yiddish puppet theatre, which Mr. Schwarz imported from France, gave its first performance at the Ohel Shem Hall on Wednesday. I have to confess that I do not belong to those people who consider the marionette theatre the most interesting intellectual sensation in the world.

I was more attracted by the music which is an essential part of the performance than by the puppets themselves. We saw a David and Goliath story in modern dress and folklore scenes adapted from two books by Bella Chagall. The decors were inspired by Marc Chagall's illustrations for the book.

While the movements of the puppets, which are manipulated by hand, not by wires, are not without the normal hectic puppet vitality, I found the figures too small for the huge auditorium. On the other hand, the folklore music was so charming and animating in itself, so well played on the piano, excellently sung, and perfectly synchronized, that it gave the whole performance a certain warmth.

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SECOND AUTUMN MANOEUVRES

The Israel Defence Forces' Second Autumn Manoeuvres are approaching. This year's manoeuvres will differ from last year's in purpose, and therefore in nature.

The First Annual Manoeuvres, 1950, were carried out in the same year as the Reserves were set up; at that time, crystallization of Reserve training units composed of men in Class B had only begun, and the men in Class B had not yet been called up. Every economic enterprise and every household in the country faced a severe change in its ordinary way of life. The security of the State demanded new types of obligations under new conditions from every citizen of the State.

Therefore the First Manoeuvre, which took place during the first period of organization, was designed to test the organizational capacities of the new framework of defence, its speed of mustering and its mobility, i.e., the speed with which call-up notices, transport orders or secret passwords could be delivered; the response of Reserves men and the speed with which they reported; and the speed with which equipment and supplies could be distributed. In short: the speed under which the Reserves Unit could mobilise when issued sudden orders.

What conclusions were drawn from that manoeuvre, as regards the future?

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Readers' Letters

SERVICE FOR ISRAEL

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The American Technion Society, Southern California Chapter, are serving Israel in a wide diversity of industries, services and agriculture. Our membership includes both business men and engineers whose interests cover virtually all major industrial and technological activities.

Southern California is the only area in the United States whose climatic conditions parallel Israel's.

The sole function of this organization is to serve Israel and there is no cost whatever to anyone seeking the assistance we have to offer or can obtain through our members.

We have already been helpful to visitors, and through the mail in a substantial number of industries including machinery, plastics, housing, aeronautics, chemicals, production and canning of foods and in many other fields.

We have thus expedited the programme of many undertakings resulting in the conservation of time and money for Israel's industrialization.

It is suggested that some organizations or individuals in Israel needing such assistance are not aware of the availability of these facilities. Accordingly we ask that you please make known through your columns the facts outlined above.

Yours, etc.
HERBERT T. ROSENFELD
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4511 Agnes Avenue,
North Hollywood,
California, U.S.A.

TRIESTE TERRITORY

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — On July 24, your paper reported a demonstration in the Yugoslav zone of Trieste in favour of that town's unity with Yugoslavia.

May I be allowed to point out that the Yugoslav (or "B") zone does not include the town itself which, with its 260,000 mostly Italian or pro-Italian inhabitants, its shipyards (including the one at Monfalcone) and its big port, is under Anglo-American control (so-called "A" zone).

The Yugoslav zone of Trieste consists of rural areas outside the town itself.

Yours, etc.,
B. TRAUBNER,
Correspondent, Trieste Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Tel Aviv.

WASP MENACE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Complaints have reached me lately by people who have been stung by so-called bees. I would like to point out that they are not bees, but small yellow wasps. Their number has increased tremendously because of the drought and they are becoming a menace. Wasps can be recognized by the fact that they feed on meat and may be observed on putrefying carcasses. Meat has no attraction for bees. It is advisable to protect foodstuffs against these wasps in the same way you do against flies. Wasps can be carriers of the same diseases as flies.

Yours, etc.,
I. ISLER,
Beekeeper

Haifa.

DESERVED PRAISE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The English News Service of "Kol Israel" has been repeatedly criticized in this column. As a listener to all the English News Broadcasts I can get, I believe that it would be only fair to give deserved praise to the exemplary reporting of the Abdullah crisis by our local station. "Kol Israel" has been up to the emergency. It scored various scoops. The political reviews were remarkably well informed and even the BBC has more than once taken its cue from "Kol Israel."

Yours, etc.,
W. M. HAYEK

Jerusalem, July 26.

PAPER. — As there is a paper shortage why isn't something done to collect back numbers of newspapers which clutter up the homes of most people? I'm sure some good use could be found for them. I would be grateful for an address to send my newspapers.

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